

GREENBELT News Review

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Thursday, April 22, 1999

Residents Ask Pointed Questions At GHI Historic District Forum

by Barbara Young

Strong interest was evident in the faces and in the speech of most of the approximately 100 persons gathered at the American Legion on April 17, a Saturday afternoon, for a forum on possible Historic District designation for Old Greenbelt. The forum, presented by GHI, featured Howard Berger and Gayle Rothrock of the Historic Preservation Section of the Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning Commission, GHI Ad Hoc Committee member Ed Griffin and GHI forum consultants Susan Braselton and Bob Neuman. Jane Egan, a member of the County's Historic Preservation Commission, attended and spoke briefly about the Commission's desire to work cooperatively with GHI residents.

At the beginning and end of the forum, short periods were set aside for informal discussion and questions. Handouts and extensive wall exhibits explained the guidelines for home improvement that would supersede GHI's Member Handbook if residents vote to go forward. Members should have received ballots in the mail this week.

GHI resident Ed Griffin described the three years of day

and night work put in by the GHI Ad Hoc study committee on which he served that preceded the committee's unanimous recommendation for GHI members and the City of Greenbelt to proceed with requesting the Historic District designation. He said about 75% of those returning a 1995 survey mailed by the committee to GHI members "liked the [Historic District] idea." Griffin also described why he had purchased his home and why he had decided to stay. Mentioning the possibility of increased property values, he said that Historic District status could "indicate some stability in the community."

Howard Berger said the Park and Planning Commission's approach in its joint work with the Ad Hoc committee had been to try to provide useful technical information.

Tax Credits

Consultant Susan Braselton described how GHI and its members would be eligible for 10% tax credits if Old Greenbelt becomes a Historic District. According to a handout, tax credits might be retroactive for up to five years, but final determination on the matter has not been made. She explained how approval of

the Historic Preservation Commission would add another layer of approval required for some home rehabilitation work. Then Jane Egan spoke up to reassure the audience that the commission wants to work with GHI residents, not frustrate them.

Susan Braselton reiterated that additions and alterations now in place on GHI homes would be "grandfathered" in. She explained, however, that if GHI attains Historic District status, residents replacing windows would need to replace them with windows more nearly resembling the original casement windows than those now in most GHI homes. When a resident inquired about what the situation would be if the Commission decided on an expensive kind of replacement window, Susan Braselton responded that members would have to pay for this kind of rising cost.

Questions

Attendees had an opportunity to ask questions at microphones placed on both sides of the large room. Several people sought clarification on the matter of fences and other issues covered in proposed guidelines. One resident voiced strong objection to having any restrictions placed on

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National League of Cities OKs Greenbelt Proposal

by Virginia Beauchamp

Question: When does a request from a small Maryland city take on a possible nationwide dimension? Answer: When that request is adopted by the National League of Cities.

And indeed near the end of 1998, a proposal from Greenbelt did become NLC policy when it was added to the national organization's list of guidelines concerning the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). (FOIA mandates open access upon request to information contained in non-classified documents in federal agency files.)

NLC's response has been an unexpected, and pleasant, spin-off to the city's long-standing and cantankerous relationship with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That period of disagreement began in the summer of 1995 over USDA's decision to build an administrative office complex off Sunnyside Ave. on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) property. Believing that USDA was acting secretly in ways that circumvented federal environmental mandates, the city at that time placed a Freedom of Information request with the agency for

its history of plans, both formal and informal, including notes, internal memoranda, and phone logs, to the projected complex.

However, when the city received a response from USDA, it was stunned to learn that the request would be honored for the fee of \$12,310.80. According to a USDA spokesperson, "This cost reflects 120 hours for three...Senior Engineers...at a rate of \$32.79 an hour and 40 hours for a GS-6 Office Manager at a rate of \$12.66." This amount—which the city was unprepared to pay—was seen by city councilmembers as a second kind of circumvention on the part of USDA.

This was the history underlying Greenbelt's 1998 policy proposal to NLC. "Greenbelt believes [the cost submitted by USDA] violates the spirit of FOIA," the city's request argued. "If research is the issue, perhaps municipal staff could be given access to the records and perform the research themselves."

Apparently persuaded by this argument, NLC in December adopted among its guidelines that when a city requests "directly relevant" information, a federal

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Steve Kane and Yvette King welcome the audience to the Y2K meeting. - photo by Prospero Zevallos

Town Meeting Offers Discussion On Y2K Problems and Solutions

by Dennis Jelalian

On Saturday, April 10, the Greenbelt Y2K Community Preparedness Group and the City of Greenbelt government co-sponsored a town meeting in the multi-purpose room in the Community Center to discuss Y2K issues and plans to deal with it.

What is Y2K?

Briefly, most computers use a two digit code for the year. For example, 99 for 1999. When the year changes to 2000, these computers will see only the last two zeros. Computers may interpret that as the year 1900, or they may operate in an unpredictable

manner, or they may fail to operate at all. Major systems may be affected.

Small computer chips have also been embedded in everything from coffee pots and toasters to automobiles and industrial machinery of all kinds. These may be affected as well.

The Greenbelt Y2K Preparedness Group and the City of Greenbelt are working to eliminate or minimize any possible disruptions. Present at the meeting were representatives of the Y2K Group, the city, and numerous other agencies. Mayor Pro Tem Thomas X. White, represent-

ing the city, stressed that it is important to be informed, flexible, and prepared. He urged everyone to obtain information about Y2K compliance and possible problems directly from the source agency or manufacturer in order to be able to assess the Y2K risk.

Prince George's County Councilmember George E. Brown, Jr. See Y2K page 10



Orson Welles Is Featured At Theater's New Filmfest

by Dorothy Sucher

That silken voice — those hooded eyes, half sinister, half seductive — that sardonic intelligence ... who could it be but Orson Welles? Two films by the prodigiously gifted actor-director, regarded fifty years ago as Hollywood's boy genius, will be shown this week at the old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center, beginning April 23.

Theater owner Paul Sanchez and the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre have made a fine choice in their ongoing campaign to save the historic theater while reviving some of the classics of American movie-making.

"Citizen Kane"

Orson Welles burst on the scene with this film in 1941, when he was all of 25 years old. Ever since, it has consistently made every list of the greatest American movies, often as Number One.

A fascinating tale of a William Randolph Hearst-like publisher's rise to power, "Citizen Kane" stars Welles, Joseph Cotten, Everett Sloane, Agnes Moorehead, George Conlouris, and Ruth Warrick. The cinematography (by Gregg Toland), music score (by Bernard Herrmann), and Oscar-winning screenplay (by Welles and Herman J. Mankiewicz) are all first-rate. This is a stunning film in every way.

"Touch of Evil"

Orson Welles directed and acted in this rarely-shown film in 1958, famed as a stylistic masterpiece. It also stars Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh, Akim Tamiroff, Marlene Dietrich, Dennis Weaver, and ZsaZsa Gabor.

Narc Heston and corrupt cop Welles tangle over a murder investigation in a sleazy Mexican border town, with Heston's bride Leigh the pawn of their struggle.

Be sure to note the fantastic, justifiably famous opening shot and the great Latin rock score by Henry Mancini. Also don't miss the cameos by Joseph Cotten and Mercedes McCambridge.

What Goes On

Sat., April 24, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Albert Herling Bench Dedication, Greenbelt Library

Mon., April 26, 8 p.m. Greenbelt City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tues., April 27, 7 p.m. ACE Meeting, Municipal Building

Wed., April 28, 8 p.m. Council Budget Worksession - Public Works, Community Center

Thurs., April 29, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Letters to the Editor

No Buses Wanted

According to the letter from Leslie Davies-Hilliard (4/15/99) there is a plan to run a local bus route on Lakeside Drive and I strongly object. We live on the outside of the almost blind curve and the speeding traffic is hazardous already. Because we can't get speed humps like Northway has, we've had two cars and a motorcycle go through our front yard and I don't care to add a bus to the list.

Margaret D. Zanin

GHI Will Determine

GHI is the biggest property owner in the proposed Historic District. Therefore, we alone will determine whether it moves forward or ends. City Council has made it clear that a "no" vote in the current GHI referendum will stop the proposal.

On the other hand, a "yes" vote will lead to further consideration of the matter by City Council and a fuller opportunity for the public to explore its impacts. Then, if the council decides to go forward, the county's Historic Preservation Commission would convene another public hearing before deciding whether to grant this designation to Greenbelt.

Much besides GHI will be affected by GHI's referendum. The tax credits offered under the designation would be very helpful to our "downtown" businesses. Improvements to the Old Greenbelt Theatre and other merchants in the Center, for instance, could qualify for county tax credits. Landlords of the apartments on Parkway and Crescent Road would have financial incentives for improved maintenance of their properties (many of which about GHI homes and affect our quality of life directly).

The question affects more than just our homes in GHI — it also affects the parts of original Greenbelt that we don't own. Through the Historic District referendum, GHI members have the opportunity to positively affect the condition of other private properties throughout historic Greenbelt. Voting "yes" moves this process forward so that we'll have a chance to see how it would benefit the future health and stability of all of Old Greenbelt — not just GHI.

Alan Turnbull

Guidelines Will Help

As a GHI member, I have re-

cently been disappointed seeing younger friends elect to move rather than build additions, afraid of losing money in case they need to move later, even though they love old Greenbelt. I feel that becoming a local Historic District is the way to go, not only to save this place, its green belt, its history for the future, but to help us thrive, to encourage additions, be truly affordable and marketable.

As a member of the Historic District committee that looked so closely for three years at every detail, and as a member of a family that put on a GHI addition, I can strongly recommend voting for Historic District.

The Historic District guidelines would be of real use and could save time and money, I think, with the architect, designer, or contractor when you plan an addition. The wording in the new guidelines — while really preserving the nature of GHI — is flexible and does not require expensive materials, or prevent us from choosing new materials in the future. If you use these proposed guidelines to plan additions, and for all small projects, the review process could be a staff write-off. If you want an exception, you would plan the timing to include a more complete review. This will not be a burden and along with it you get the tax credit money back.

The co-op would be able to count on, every year, saving tax money for ongoing maintenance and replacement costs. These savings could be applied to and counted on to lower the replacement reserve costs — those costs which compose much of our monthly fees. After the re-hab is paid off, and with ongoing tax savings, perhaps our community can become more vital, encourage additions, be more truly affordable and attract new members who want to be a part of our piece of American history.

Barbara Stevens

Left in the Dark

I attended the GHI meeting held at the American Legion today. It was a beautiful day; there was a clean-up and neighborhood get together at the lake, but about 60 other members and I decided to attend the special information meeting.

As most of you who have lived in GHI for any length of time know, this community has always had insightful questions and lively discussions. I missed that at the Saturday meeting. The usual response was "I do

not know," or "that question was not considered," or "We purposefully wanted to have the answer vague rather than dictating what is to be done." I liked the answer, "that would be discouraged."

What I did find out is that my neighbors had the same concerns I have: who will administer the Historical Preservation; how, specifically, will this designation benefit GHI; what impact will this designation have on the resale value of our homes; what will this cost the members of GHI? One of the questions asked and implied regarded the possible widening of Crescent Road or the lengthening of Ridge Road. I feel these are questions for the city, not GHI; is the City of Greenbelt looking into Historical Designation? Is there a real possibility of a road change? Will anyone want to purchase a home where they cannot improve it to their liking? In the 30 years I have lived in GHI there have been many changes, siding, doors, fences, and landscaping.

As you can see, I feel that I am more in the dark now than I was before the meeting. I need answers to the questions that were asked and some that were not asked. I want to know why GHI is seeking Historical Designation and not the City of Greenbelt. If GHI becomes a Historical Community, will the City of Greenbelt also be a Historical Community; or, if the City of Greenbelt chooses a Historical Designation, will that impact GHI?

Hopefully, some of our questions will have been more thoroughly answered at the Thursday, April 22 meeting. I know additional reading and studying are scheduled this week for me.

Ruth E. Haynes

10% Tax Credit

I am writing to urge my neighbors in GHI to vote for the Historic District. If we obtain Historic District designation, a significant portion of the regular maintenance and replacement work GHI already performs on our homes will be eligible for a 10% tax credit from the county every year. For instance, based on our 1998 maintenance and replacement expenses, GHI would be entitled to a \$70,000 - \$80,000 tax credit that we could then apply to the GHI replacement reserves. In the end, our co-op would be in a stronger financial position without the need to raise monthly fees.

Julia Eichhorst

District Could Help

Having closely followed the proposal for a County Historic District designation over the past few years, it is obvious to me that the benefits for the GHI community far outweigh any regulatory inconveniences.

However, I hope that my neighbors in GHI will also consider the far greater importance of the Historic District designation to the city as a whole. Designation could help the city in its efforts to preserve everything from the historic Greenbelt Theatre to the Beltsville Farm and Greenbelt Park. I also could see designation being helpful in obtaining numerous types of grants for the city.

I encourage all GHI members to support this initiative.

Rodney M. Roberts

Archives Holds Open House

On Saturday, April 24, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will sponsor an open house at the National Archives building in College Park, as part of the "Maryland Day" festivities planned at the University of Maryland. The schedule of events for the open house includes short subject film screenings, as well as guided tours of the Archives II research complex where visitors will have the opportunity to view examples of historically valuable records in NARA holdings.

The open house is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. All those interested are encouraged to attend — families are welcome! Interpretive services will be provided for the hearing impaired.

The National Archives at College Park (Archives II) is located at 8601 Adelphi Road in College Park. For directions, or additional information, please contact Carolyn Bernaski, in the Office of Records Services — Washington D.C., at 301-713-7010 ext. 259.

FOIA

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agency response "must occur in ways that foster open intergovernmental communication and must not use fees charged for the cost of information production as a practical deterrent to such communication."

After learning of NLC's positive endorsement of the city's proposal, Mayor Judith Davis shared the news with Maryland Senators Barbara Mikulski and Paul Sarbanes and with Congressman Steny Hoyer: "To our surprise and pleasure," she wrote to the three members of Congress, the NLC "endorsed our proposal.... To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time such a proposal has come forward from a Maryland municipal government and been endorsed."

Festival Notes



The first meeting of the full Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee was held on Tuesday, March 23. The following were elected to serve as officers: Barbara Ransom, president; Patti Brothers, first vice president; Paula Clinedinst, second vice president; Debbie Cooley, co-treasurer. Other executive board members include Natasha Jewell, director of the Miss Greenbelt pageants; and Linda Savage, director of carnival activities. Several positions remain to be filled. New members are invited to attend the next meeting on Thursday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Rick Ransom has completed a three-year term as president and is stepping down. He will continue to serve in an advisory position and perform miscellaneous tasks as needed. Joe Polanin, who served as Festival photographer for many years, has also retired.



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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center 15 Crescent Road during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$32/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m., Tuesday 8 - 10 p.m.



City of Greenbelt COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD

The City of Greenbelt has re-established a Community Mediation Board under the auspices of the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission. This Board is comprised of city residents who have volunteered to receive mediation training and be available to mediate disputes between neighbors.

Mediation consists of a step by step problem solving process that results in the involved parties agreeing on a fair solution. Mediation serves as an alternative to litigation and brings both parties to the table on an equal basis. A mediator does not act as an advocate of either party. He/she reserves judgment and does not voice opinion.

Types of problems mediated may be noisy neighbors, barking dogs, trespassing children, blocked driveways, family feuds, littering, loitering, neighboring property neglect, small claims matters, etc.

Mediation services will be available at the Greenbelt Community Center on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month. Any Greenbelt citizen who wishes to make use of this free service should call the Human Resources Officer, City of Greenbelt, 301-345-7203.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Wednesday, April 28, 7 p.m.
P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6.
Thursday, April 29, 10:15 a.m.
Drop-in Storytime, ages 3-5.
11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year olds and parent or care giver.

Al Herling Bench To be Rededicated

The public is invited to attend the rededication ceremony of "Al's Place," the commemorative sculpture bench created to honor Albert Herling, on Saturday, April 24, at 11 a.m., on the lawn in front of the Greenbelt library. "Al's Place" was commissioned by the Prince George's Arts Council in 1997 in recognition of Albert Herling's lifelong commitment and extraordinary contributions to the arts community in the county. At that time it was placed in front of the United States Federal Courthouse in Greenbelt.

In accordance with Mr. Herling's own wishes, it has now been reinstalled in its permanent setting between the Greenbelt library and the Greenbelt Community Center. Its new home will serve to remind everyone not only of the great services Albert Herling made to the arts community in the county but of the contributions he made to the library and the arts in Greenbelt.

Try a Special Poetry Group

by Colette Zanin

There are no dues to pay, no registration; the meetings are open to adults interested in studying poetry in a relaxed, informal roundtable. Some participants have been around since the group started, while others come and go.

It's dubbed a Poetry Workshop for adults, but the people who meet monthly in a windowless staff room on the lower level of the Greenbelt Library aren't doing any composing - they're studying the works of famous poets. The group, which has been in existence for several years, is currently led by Susan Smithers, who took over facilitating the sessions for her sister, Lydia.

Smithers is a full-time employee of the Prince George's County Library System, who volunteers once a month at 10:30 on Saturday mornings. "Not many opportunities exist for people to explore mental and spiritual aspects of life, and poetry discussions can promote this kind of thinking," she says, adding, "Poetic exploration of an issue sometimes strikes deeper than any other method."

Smithers addresses poetry and literature with exuberance, and her ideas are clearly articulated with obvious intelligence.

Each session concentrates on one writer, sometimes suggested by Smithers, but occasionally a name is contributed by a participant. Recently studied poets included Anne

Community Events

60th Anniversary Gala Learn CPR Saturday Planned for Library

Families are asked to circle Saturday, May 15 on the calendar and plan to bring their children to Greenbelt Library's 60th anniversary celebration at a lawn party for families.

That afternoon children can create bookmarks, work on a mural, listen to stories and have their faces decorated.

Grown up "kids" are encouraged to come with their children. Watch the News Review for more information or call Friends of the Greenbelt Library coordinators Barbara Simon (301-474-2192) or Eileen Peters on (301-441-8249) to volunteer an hour to help that day (or before.)

GHI Notes

The Marketing Committee is sponsoring an Open House on Sunday, April 25 from 12:30-4 p.m. (See ad).

The Architecture and Environment Committee will meet April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

GHI's Hot line on Historic District issues is 301-474-4161 x141.

CPR Awareness Day will be held on Saturday, April 24, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. People can learn CPR in just three hours. Courses start every half hour. There is a fee which includes textbook and training materials. For more information call 301-864-LIVE.

The program is a service of the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, Doctors Community Hospital and Prince George's County Public Schools.

Recreation Review

Egg Hunt

The Greenbelt Recreation Department was encouraged by all the hearty souls who braved the not so wonderful morning weather on April 5 and participated in the indoor version of Greenbelt's famous egg hunt.

Once again, area businesses were more than generous with their donations.

Golden Egg Winners: 0-3 years: Drew McGowan; 4 & 5 years: Tyler J.; 1st & 2nd grade: Asuka Ishiwata; 3rd & 4th grade: Glennice Davis; and 5th & 6th grade: Jill Lau.

Park Permits

Park permit applications are now being accepted at the Recreation Business Office. There are group picnic areas at Buddy Attick Lake Park and Schrom Hills Park available for groups of 15 or more. Permits for Saturday and Sunday will be issued to Greenbelt residents only. Monday through Friday, permits are available for both Greenbelt residents and Greenbelt business groups. Please note, alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited in all city operated parks. Contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200. Please allow at least seven days to process all permit requests.

Greenbelt Elementary Has Spring Fair

Greenbelt Elementary School's annual Spring Fair will be held Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school. There will be games, good and a silent auction. A special treat, pony rides, will be available from 10 - 12. Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun. Greenbelt

CCRIC Activities Continuing

CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek) announces a Saturday, April 24, Anacostia watershed cleanup to take place in Bladensburg Waterfront Park near the Peace Cross from 9 a.m. to noon. All are invited.

Chair Kate Spencer said CCRIC representatives recently met with the Berwyn Heights Town Council and has scheduled a May 4 meeting with the College Park Council, and a work session May 6 with Greenbelt's City Council.

The group's next meeting will take place Sunday, April 25, at 4 p.m. on the first floor of the Community Center. Concerned citizens are invited to attend. For more information, leave a message on 301-441-3844.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

Y2K readiness-consultant and advisor, Ellen Searcy, will be the speaker at the Golden Age Club meeting on Wednesday, April 28. She will tell of practical ways to prepare for possible upsets resulting from computer glitches. Searcy believes the effects can be widespread and unpredictable, since federal, state, county and local organizations are involved.

The travel committee announces a trip to the National Arboretum, on Tuesday, May 11. We will do the tram tour, and see the bonsai display and herb garden if time allows. Departure time is 8:30 a.m.

View a Train Ride

On Friday, April 30, Explorations Unlimited will present "The World's Greatest Train Ride," a video of Australia featuring stunning scenic beauty, historical landmarks and many points of interest, with all the breathtaking excitement of authentic train travel.

The adventure begins near Sydney at the beginning of a fantastic 2,476-mile journey across Australia. Viewers will see the Sydney opera house, gorgeous coastline and beaches as well as charming cities such as Adelaide and quaint towns such as Kalgoorlie.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community Center's Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend, and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

In response to petitions from the Golden Age Club for more youth services help, Pearl Siegal received letters from elected state officials. More money was recently appropriated for this course. We were thanked and encouraged for support.

Florence Holly and Sue Sharp still attend the Prince Georges County Council Senior Clubs, and keep us informed about events. Florence, our chaplain, recently had another Happy Birthday.

Congratulations to Ima Davis. She always wears her name tag to meetings - we need to follow her example - it helps.

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

Monday, April 26 at 8pm
City Council Meeting "live"

Tuesday and Thursday, April 27 and 29

6:00 p.m. GHI Forum on Local Historic District Implications (Replay of meeting held on April 22nd)
8:00 p.m. Replay of City Council Meeting of April 26th

PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING

Wednesday, April 28...please call
301-507-6581 for schedule.

Greenbriar Community

Yard Sale

Saturday, April 24 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

****RAIN or SHINE****

Greenbriar Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway

Greenbelt, MD 301-441-1096



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION FOR GREENBELT, PLEASE CALL THE GHI HISTORIC DISTRICT HOTLINE AT 301-474-4161, EXT. 141



ATTENTION

GHI

MEMBERS

TIME TO VOTE - HISTORIC DISTRICT

Ballots for voting by mail referendum have been sent to all members. Please mark your ballot and return it no later than April 30th. Ballots not received by that date will not be counted.

New Deal Cafe

Open Fri & Sat, 7-11 pm
Music 8:30 pm No cover



Friday, April 23
Chameleon
An Eclectic Mix of Music

Saturday, April 24
Steve Gilman

Donations for Musicians Encouraged
Sunday Brunch 10 to 2
Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

OBITUARIES

James Loyd Fowler

Former Greenbelt resident, James Loyd Fowler, 73, died on Sunday, March 28, in Christiana, Tennessee. Mr. Fowler, born in Cornersville, Tennessee, married Virginia Neuman and moved to Greenbelt in January 1948. He lived in 44, 61, and 71 Courts of Ridge Road and on Northway.

Mr. Fowler served in the United States Marine Corp, 3rd Division, in WWII, and worked at the Washington Navy Yard and Naval Ordnance Lab in Washington, D.C.

In the early 50's, Mr. Fowler served as a volunteer fireman and part-time police officer. He was a member of Greenbelt Community Church and leader of Scout Troop 202, Explorer Post 202. He took the troop to Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico, in the summer of 1954.

Mr. Fowler was employed for many years on a wholesale milk route of Harvey Dairy, and for a short time, as a Nationwide Insurance Agent. He moved to Murfreesboro, Tennessee in 1968.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughter, Karen Sizemore; sons, Bruce, Ronald, and Warren Fowler; and brother, Jesse Fowler, all of Tennessee.

Symphony Concert On April 24

A free concert by the University of North Carolina Symphony Orchestra sponsored by the University of Maryland will be held at 8 p.m. April 24 in the Tawes theater on the campus. Ample free parking is adjacent. A pre-concert discussion open to the public will be held at 7:15 p.m.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Municipal Building Sundays
10 A.M.

Baha'i Faith

"Material civilization is like unto the lamp, while spiritual civilization is the light in that lamp. If the material and spiritual civilization become united, then we will have the light and the lamp together, and the outcome will be perfect."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings

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P.O. Box 245

Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-345-2918 301-220-3160

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11 a.m. on WUST 1120 on the AM dial

Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the
World Wide Web at <http://www.bahai.org/>



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301-262-3285

<http://members.aol.com/stgeogd/>

Sunday Services

9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the
Deaf/Hard of Hearing)
10 am Education for all ages
11 am Sung Service

Elinor J. Breen

Former Greenbelter Elinor J. Breen of Jessup died on Friday, April 9, 1999 at her daughter's home in Jessup. Mrs. Breen formerly lived at 8K Plateau Pl.

She is survived by her daughter Jolene Goad, son-in-law Jerry Goad, Sr., five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at Ft. Lincoln Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 13. Interment was at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery on Wednesday, April 14.

Free Lecture Offered On Spiritual Healing

A free Christian Science lecture will be presented on Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt library.

Guest speaker Diane Marapodi will discuss "The Time to Live Is Now — Meeting the Millenium with this purpose in mind." With a background in nursing, Marapodi lectures to many groups interested in the practice of spiritual healing. She will offer explanations of prayer-based well being and healing.

The talk is sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hyattsville. Child care will be provided.

In Memoriam

I was very saddened to hear the news about Mr. Hoppel. I was very lucky to know him not just as a father of my friends, but also as a friend himself.

As a child and as a teenager he taught me many things and opened my eyes to new experiences that have helped form my life today.

The giant tent he set up in the backyard was my first real exposure to camping out. He had all the camping equipment necessary to go anywhere, anytime, and I wanted to see all of it. I became an avid camper. Whenever I smell musty canvas, it takes me back to that tent.

Playing badminton became a neighborhood obsession because once again, he had the best equipment. We played very competitive games, often well into the late evening. He spent quality time playing with the Greendale kids, and seemed to really enjoy it. I still enjoy a good game of badminton. When he learned to play tennis he took the kids along too. I remember many trips with Mr. Hoppel and Mr. Olverson to the Braden field and NASA tennis courts.

He was the first father on the street who became interested in some of the music of his kid's generation. When I hear Neil

Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" or Creedence Clearwater's "Bad Moon Rising" I flash back to sitting in their basement listening to the albums on those giant speakers that he built. As teenagers we always thought Mr. Hoppel was real cool.

Most of all I admired his ability to build or fix virtually anything. Whether it was remodeling the basement, building Duke's doghouse, or working on his cars, he would patiently allow me to watch and ask questions. He was a true craftsman and a perfectionist. Everything he built was first class. He showed me how to build things the right way. As I became older and started to work on my own cars, he would loan me tools or help me out when I had a problem I couldn't solve. I could always count on Mr. Hoppel. Some of my friends today are fond of my ability to fix things around the house. I owe it all to him.

He was a man I always looked up to and I will never forget all

Volunteers Needed At Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park is seeking volunteers to answer phones and greet visitors on Mondays and Fridays. Trail Blazers are also needed to walk, patrol and enjoy the numerous scenic trails. For more information, contact Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944.

the wonderful things he did for me growing up. He was a great man.
Jerry Fountain

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road,
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)

Welcomes you to our open,
nurturing community

April 25, 1999

9:30 a.m.—

Rev. Barbara Wells,
Ministerial Co-Candidate

11:15 a.m.

Rev. Jaco ten Hove

Ministerial Co-Candidate

Religious Education 9:30 a.m.



Greenbelt Community Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor

In Residence: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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A Full Range of Social and Religious Activities

Friday Evening and Saturday Services

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"The Time to Live is Now (Meeting the Millenium with this purpose in mind)"

Presented by
Diane Marapodi, C.S.B.



A free Christian Science lecture
Monday, April 26

7:00 P.M.

Greenbelt Library Conference Room

Sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hyattsville

New beginnings, start with God's love!

Located at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads

Morning Worship Service (Sunday) 8:35 & 11:00 AM

Bible Study for all ages (Sunday) 9:45 AM

Evening Worship and Small Groups (Sunday) 6:00 PM

Prayer (Wednesday) 7:00 PM

For transportation or more information call 474-4212

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Greenbelt Baptist Church

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

301-474-9410

SUNDAY

Childrens and Adults

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship Service 11:00 am



Handicapped accessible

Rev. Guillermo Chavez, Pastor

All persons from all races and cultural backgrounds are
welcome. Together we learn to serve Christ.

FAITH MINISTRIES

40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt (301) 441-4935

Saturday 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.: Prayer Meeting

Sunday 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.: Worship Service

1. TOPIC: CONDITIONS FOR EXPERIENCING

MIRACLES IN YOUR LIFE (PT. 2)

2. DELIVERANCE SERVICE

3. HEALING SERVICE

YOU ARE WELCOME

Pastor Francis Gyemfi

Tune in to our radio broadcast on WFAX 1220 AM at 2:45 pm on Sundays



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Worship Services 8:30 and 11:15 am.

Sunday May 2

Balloon Festival from 1 - 9 p.m.

Hot Air Balloon rides (tethered)

Contemporary Christian music

Food and Activities



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Rev. Stephen H. Mentz, Pastor (301) 345-5111

Special Registration Held for Kindergarten

The Prince George's County Public School System is holding a special kindergarten registration from April 26-30, for Prince George's County children who will be entering public school in the upcoming 1999-2000 school year. Parents/guardians are encouraged to register their child during these dates to assist the school system in planning for the new school year.

State law mandates that all children who will be five years old on or before December 31, 1999, attend kindergarten before entering first grade. To register, a parent or court-appointed guardian must accompany the child and bring a birth certificate to present legal verification of age. Proof of Prince George's County residency is also required for admission to the County's public school system. Parents/guardians, who are new residents of the County or who are registering a student for the first time, must complete the Affidavit of Disclosure (PA15), as required by State law, to establish proof of legal residency. Persons who have questions on where to register their child should contact the Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6300.

The Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene also requires proof that children have received certain immunizations before they can be admitted into kindergarten. Required immunizations are as follows: four DPT shots, three Polio shots, two MMR's (two Measles and one Mump/Rubella shot).

In addition, State law requires that each child have a physical examination for admittance into the Maryland Public School System. The examination must be completed within nine months prior to entrance or six months after entrance into the school system. A physical examination form (SR6), as designated by the Department of Education and Department of Health and Mental



(Left to right) Greenbelters Jesse Crowley and Lucas Crowley and Eleanor Roosevelt High School freshman Gabrielle Christian Horchler have major roles in the upcoming flying musical "Peter Pan" production at the Publick Playhouse April 23 - 25. In two performances (Friday, April 23 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 24 at 2 p.m.), Jesse learns to fly as John Darling. Lucas is Lost Boy Twin #2 in all performances. Gabrielle is Peter Pan Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. (The show is double-cast.) When they are not playing their major roles, actors are in minor roles as pirates or animals.

NASA-Goddard Needs Volunteers

NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center Visitor Center is seeking volunteers as tour guides, front desk information aides, office assistants and presentation assistants. For additional information, call 301-286-9041.

Hygiene, shall be used as verification of this requirement. The physical examination shall be completed by a physician or certified nurse practitioner.

For information, please contact the nearest school or the Early Childhood Office at 301-408-5566.

Service Academy Open House

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer will be holding an open house for all high school juniors interested in attending a military service academy. It will be held on Monday, April 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Frederick Douglass High School Cafeteria in Upper Marlboro. All interested students are encouraged to attend.

If a student is unable to attend the open house and would like more information about the academy application process, call 301-474-0119 or visit Congressman Hoyer's website at <<http://www.house.gov/hoyer>>.



Greenbelt Arts Center presents An Evening with Thomas Pandolfi

Friday, May 14th, 1999, 8 PM
at the
Greenbelt Community Center



Classical Music performed on the piano
featuring pieces by
Liszt, Tchaikovsky, Barber and Scriabin

Tickets: \$5 until May 9th,
May 10-May 14 \$10/\$7 for students & seniors
For reservations, call (301) 441-8770.



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM April 26, 1999 - 8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations

(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
-Recognition of Public Works Employees

7. Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)

-Request from Greenbelt Nursery School Kindergarten

8. Minutes of Meetings

- * - Interview, March 29, 1999
- * - Regular Meeting, April 12, 1999
- * - Public Hearing, April 14, 1999
- * - Interview, April 19, 1999
- * - Work Session, April 19, 1999
- * - Work Session, April 21, 1999

9. Administrative Reports

- Earth Day
- Public Works Open House
- Film Festival

- * 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to Contract with Crestar Bank, N.A. to Borrow Not More Than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the Public Purpose of Acquiring Additional Computer Software for Financial Reporting Purposed Described Herein, Pursuant to the Authority of Section 59, Contracts over One Year, of the City Charter
- 1st Reading

12. Ordinance for Green Ridge Parking Code Changes
-1st Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Petition re: Greenbelt Police Crime Reporting
14. Request for Use of City Logo - Citizen's Academy Alumni Association
15. Letter to Governor seeking support

- County Bus Service
- Mother & Child and Theater Marquee

16. Letter to WMATA regarding Joint Development Program

- * 17. Support for Metropolitan Area Work Group
- Chesapeake Bay Policy

- * 18. Appointment of Advisory Board and Committee Applicants

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

Check out the Greenbelt Citylink website at
www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

David E. Moran, CMC
City Clerk

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of April 23, 1999

Friday

The Best of Orson Welles
\$3/film - 2 films \$5
Citizen Kane 7:30
Touch of Evil 5:00 & 9:50

Saturday

The Best of Orson Welles
\$3/film - 2 films \$5
Citizen Kane 5:00 & 9:50
Touch of Evil 7:30
Special Matinee
A Bug's Life 3:00 @ \$3.00

Sunday

The Best of Orson Welles
\$3/film - 2 films \$5
Touch of Evil 5:00
Citizen Kane 7:30
Special Matinee
A Bug's Life 3:00 @ \$3

Monday

Touch of Evil 7:30 @ \$3

Tuesday

Citizen Kane 7:30 @ \$3

Wednesday

Touch of Evil 7:30 @ \$3

Thursday

Citizen Kane 7:30 @ \$3

www.pgtheatres.com



Julia (Leta Hall, left) and Maggie (Julia Galef, right) try to keep Mr. Saunders (Danny Brooks) from killing the bellhop (David Dieudonne) in the Greenbelt Arts Center production of "Lend Me a Tenor."

Ludwig's "Lend Me a Tenor" Sex Farce at Arts Center

by Altoria Bell Ross

Gawks and giggles greeted the talented cast of the Greenbelt Arts Center on Saturday, April 17, during their performance of the sex-farce "Lend Me a Tenor," written by Washington, D.C., attorney Ken Ludwig. In 1986, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Company first produced the play in London. It also appeared on Broadway three years later and won two Tony Awards, four Drama Desk Awards, and three Outer Critics Circle Awards.

The content of this award-winning play was reminiscent of the Arts Center's "Let's Play Spoons" last summer. Profanity abounded, including the highly offensive use of the Lord's name in vain. The plot of the story seemed secondary to the prevalent sexual theme. One young lady stripped down to her unmentionables while another woman wore less than that, so it should not have been surprising that the near-sex scenes were steamy. Although children were present the subject matter was not suitable for them.

This action all took place in a hotel suite in Cleveland during the 1930s. The world famous Italian tenor Tito Mirelli (Jerry Khatcheressian) was scheduled to sing in honor of the 10th anniversary of the

directed by Scott Bloom, assisted by Laura Adams and produced by Ed Johnson, was full of quality acting. Brooks was a mean-spirited and animated Mr. Saunders, and Khatcheressian portrayed Tito with flair, fanfare, and flavor. He was complemented by Long, who was fiery and just as convincing as were Brooks and Khatcheressian in their roles. Hall, a singer in real life, persuasively carried off the role of a tenacious and high society Opera Guild member, and Galef debuted as Julia with fresh, wide-eyed, and breathless wonder. Perkins, who was returning to the stage after Flowers for Algernon, showed tremendous growth in his ability to play a wide range of emotions. Weaver is a veteran actress at the Center, and her versatility makes it difficult to recognize her from one role to the next. Dieudonne stretched his wings as the enthusiastic bellhop, a would-be opera singer. He had the audience in stitches when he emotionally relayed his gratitude to Mr. Mirelli for the concert. Also Perkins and Brooks shared excellent dialogue exchanges that relied heavily on their sense of timing and delivery of lines.

The actors had a wonderful place to unfold their story. The stage crew had constructed a warm set of two-and-a-half rooms equipped with numerous functioning doors as well as Oriental rugs, handsome furniture, and attractive portraits.

As usual, the Greenbelt actors were good, but it's too bad their efforts couldn't have been directed toward more wholesome material. However, if you enjoy a sex-farce, you will want to catch one of the remaining shows: Friday, April 23, 30 and May 7; Saturday, April 24 and May 1 and 8 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 25 and May 2 at 2 p.m..

Cleveland Grand Opera Company. The company's general manager, Mr. Saunders, (Danny Brooks) put his assistant, Max (Rob Perkins), in charge of keeping track of the elusive Mr. Mirelli, who was in constant demand. Mirelli's wife, Maria (Carole Long); Maggie (Julia Galef); Mr. Saunders' daughter, Julia (Leta Hall); the chairwoman of the Opera Guild, Diana (Kim Weaver); the ambitious soprano, and a zealous bellhop (David Dieudonne) all vied for his attention as well-laid plans went haywire.

Quality Acting

The Greenbelt production,

Recipe Deadline Nears For FOGM Cookbook

by Sandra A. Lange

The deadline for submitting recipes for the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum cookbook is April 30. More than 100 recipes already have been submitted for consideration by the FOGM cookbook committee. New and old time Greenbelters, and friends of Greenbelters, have sent in their favorite family recipes. Contributors include State Senator Leo Green, County Councilwoman Audrey Scott, City Councilman Alan Turnbull, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. General Manager Gretchen Overdurff, former City Manager James K. Giese, and Outstanding Citizens Mary Linstrom and Joyce Chestnut.

Recipes may be submitted in one of the following categories: appetizer, main dish, vegetable, salad, dessert, miscellaneous. No more than one recipe per category per person will be used. Recipes may be typed or handwritten on one side of a sheet of paper. An interesting anecdote or comment about the recipe, such as when the dish is commonly served or where it originated, may be included. This is especially important if the recipe can be traced to a pioneer Greenbelt family.

Recipes should be sent to: Greenbelt Museum Cookbook Committee, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. All recipes must include the contributor's name, address and telephone number. Only the contributor's name, however,

Beaver Video Will Be Showcased

The Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) and the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) video clay animation project, "When Beavers Attack," has been accepted for the Crash Test Videos '99: A Screening of Artists' Videos. The video is a humorous look at the beaver population at Greenbelt's Buddy Attick Lake Park. The animation piece was created by Greenbelt children, ages 10-14, under the direction of artist George Kochell. The class was held last summer and will be offered again this year.

The showing will be held Saturday, April 24 from 8-10 p.m. in Rennie Forum, Largo Student Center, Prince George's Community College, 301 Largo Rd., Largo.

For more information, call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

will be published in the cookbook. Publication is expected by September.

Many recipes from the Greenbelt Woman's Club Cookbook, first published in the 1950s, will be included in the new cookbook. If anyone has any information about the history of the original Woman's Club Cookbook, such as how it came to be published, who was involved in publishing it, whether or not it was sold and for how much, who did the drawings, please contact Sandra Lange at 301-507-6582.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, April 29, 1999
7:30 P.M.
GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items

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| • Member Request for Exception—6-F Research Road | Action |
| • Allocation of Surplus Funds - 1998 | Action |
| • Presentation of Audit | Discussion |
| • Review of Board Task List | Discussion |

Board meetings are open to members.

Rededication of Al's Place

Come out to remember our friend Al Herling...

April 24, 1999

11:00 a.m.

In front of the Greenbelt Library
11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD
Light refreshments will be provided by the
Friends of the Greenbelt Library.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL
TRYOUTS FOR JUNIORS
BORN- 8-1-83 TO 7-31-86
SAT. 4-24-99 @ 5:00P.M.
AT BRADEN FIELD
FOR INFO CALL
MARK MARKOWICH
301-474-0252



LAW DAY

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

SATURDAY MAY 1

9:00 A.M. - NOON

COMMUNITY CENTER SENIOR GALLERY

LARRY BURCH * AGNES POWELL * VALERIE SIEGEL

One-half hour maximum consult



Greenbelt Arts Center

Presents

Lend Me a Tenor

by Ken Ludwig

Directed by Scott Bloom

April 16-May 8

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM

Sunday, April 25th and May 2nd at 2 PM

Is that the famous Italian Tenor, Tito Merelli, or an imposter with a wonderful voice? And who is the naked woman in his bathroom? What about the one in his closet? And why are the police chasing him? Is this a British sex farce, or *A Night at the Opera*? Find out!

Tickets \$10 General Admission/\$7 Senior Citizens and Students. For more information, reservations, and directions call: (301) 441-8770.

HISTORIC

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having any restrictions placed on alterations to his home.

Several residents brought up road-widening and asked for clarification on what jurisdiction would have final authority over roads and their widening. Gayle Rothrock responded that "road projects are dictated by the Master Plan." She said she felt Historic District status would give residents more ability politically to affect policy with respect to roads and other projects which might be proposed by the County or State.

The matter of possible tax credit savings vis-a-vis GHI administrative costs was brought up by another resident. Susan Braselton responded that there could be a "break-even" financial situation, a situation where tax savings might be offset by increased administrative costs. However, at this time no one knows, it was pointed out. Howard Berger stated that "There's going to be a learning curve, because we have never administered something of this magnitude before."

Community Pride

Several residents felt that obtaining Historic District status should not be based solely on the possibility of financial gain. Rather, they felt, the designation should be sought as an expression of community pride and sense of place, a sense of stability, sense of history, and preservation of "something of the workingman's life."

The matter of roads, specifically a proposed extension of Ridge Road, came up again. City councilmember Rodney Roberts, a member of the audience, stated that, "the City has jurisdiction and will not approve extending Ridge Road even though it's on the Master Plan."

A resident asked if the guidelines could be changed in the future, and Howard Berger replied, "Yes — we anticipate that that will need to be done."

After all questions had been answered, residents were encouraged to make comments at the microphones. A majority of those commenting spoke strongly in favor of Historic District designation.

Note: A videotape of the entire forum is available from the GHI office for viewing or borrowing overnight. Call ahead with requests: 301-474-4161.



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Unfunded City Capital Projects Recommended for Future Year Funding

(Prepared by City Staff)

Project Name	Cost
Perimeter Trail	\$7,500
Gun Range Lead Removal	13,000
Youth Center Exterior Renovations-	
Front Doors and Windows	16,000
Southway Sidewalk Construction	17,000
Skate Facility (Free Style)	20,000
Hanover Parkway Pedestrian Safety Improvements	26,000
Playground Upgrades	40,000
Skate Facility (Rink)	60,000
Greenbelt Middle School-	
Light and Upgrade Ballfields	75,000
Schrom Hills Park Softball Fields Lighting	75,000
Schrom Hills Park Soccer Fields Lighting	85,000
Northway Ballfields Lights	150,000
Northway Improvements- Ridge Road to Ballfields	219,000
Cherrywood Lane Median Improvements	250,000
New Police Radio Equipment	350,000
Springhill Lake Recreation Center -	
Add Multi-purpose Classroom	365,000
Northway Ballfield Renovation	525,000

Arena Stage Guide Has Story by Ross

The play currently at Arena Stage is "Oak and Ivy," about the marriage of Paul Laurence Dunbar, the gifted poet, and his wife Alice Ruth Moore, an equally gifted young writer. The play, by Kathleen McGhee-Anderson, explores the struggles of this brilliant African-American couple against racial and sexual stereotypes in turn-of-the-century America.

Altoria Bell Ross, the Arts and Leisure Editor of the News Review, has contributed a biography of Alice Moore Dunbar-Nelson to the Performance Guide, a handsome booklet published by Arena's Audience Enrichment Programs Department. The Guide contains articles about the Dunbars and the period in which they lived, as well as interviews, poetry, and photographs.

Altoria Bell Ross holds a

Master's degree in writing from Johns Hopkins University and has lived in Greenbelt for two years. She joined the News Review a year ago and has written feature stories, interviews and theater reviews. She is married to Theodore (Ted) Ross, Director of the Men's Ministry at Central Union Mission, and has a two-year-old son, Joshua. She is also the editor of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., newsletter.

City Notes

The public works department crews continued working on the Roosevelt Center Reconstruction. Wood chips were placed at playgrounds. A wooden sign was built and installed at the entrance to McDonald Field.

Capital Budget Projects Exceed Funds Available

by Betsy Likowski

The Greenbelt city staff presented its list of proposed construction projects and big purchases for Fiscal Year 2000 (FY 2000) at a budget worksession on Thursday, April 1 in the municipal building. City councilmembers made almost no comments and Mayor Judith Davis said the projects would be discussed in detail at a later worksession. The lists were the staff's attempt to prioritize projects according to what could be afforded and done in this upcoming fiscal year, in the longer term (see box) or dropped from consideration altogether.

The revenue for the proposed projects in FY2000 is projected to be \$420,100 from state and county grants and \$679,400 transferred from the General Fund of the city's budget. (This is up from last year's \$569,600.) The total revenue proposed for FY2000 is \$1,099,500.

The biggest ticket item is \$400,000 for work on the windows in the Community Center. A state grant of \$325,000 will cover most of this.

Lake Park

The good news is the "Buddy" Attick Lake Park will now get a restroom/concession stand facility

and \$160,000 is proposed for this purpose. Water quality improvements will be done to the lake itself. Of the \$126,700 for this project the state will pay \$85,000.

Parks

New lights on ballfields will cost \$120,000. The dog park will be expanded (\$15,000). Monies will be set aside for trails in Greenbrook (\$10,000) and a memorial garden (\$10,000). Work on the rebound wall near the Youth Center will cost \$8000.

Streets

Several streets are being considered for resurfacing and \$150,000 is suggested for the work. Monies are being set for sidewalk repairs (\$30,000), traffic calming (\$50,000), and four new bus shelters (\$4,000).

Audubon Society Needs Volunteers

The Audubon Naturalist Society is seeking help with its Nature Fair on Sunday, May 2. Volunteers are needed to perform a variety of tasks on Friday, April 30, Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2. For more information or to register as a volunteer, call Kathy Daly at 301-652-9188, ext. 3010.



GREENBELT

Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

April 1999

Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Greenbelt:

It is that time again to ask for your support during our Annual Fund Drive for 1999. We appreciate your support very much during the previous fund drives.

Due to your generous donations last year, we were able to make many improvements to our fire and rescue equipment, as well as improvements to the fire station.

We now have on order, a new Quality Manufacturing Inc. custom fire pumper that we hope to receive sometime in July of 1999. We have recently sold Engine 351, our 1989 unit to offset the cost of the new pumper.

We have entered a contract with an architect-engineering firm to begin construction and renovation to our sleeping quarters, and relocation of some offices. We hope to begin this project sometime this summer. We will have to set up temporary worker/sleeping quarters during the renovation phase. We are always looking for ways to improve our fire station to maintain a pleasant environment for our membership and guests.

We are in the process of negotiating with Prince George's County to provide the department with a new ambulance to replace our existing unit A359. The county provides the present ambulance to us.

With all we are trying to accomplish, I hope you can observe our continued dedication and commitment to provide the citizens and businesses of Greenbelt with the best fire and rescue protection that you deserve.

As in the past, I would like to emphasize strongly that you not accept any solicitations over the telephone from persons identifying themselves as members and/or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. This department only asks for donations through the mail.

As always, we are looking for dependable people interested in becoming members. We accept applications from the age of 13 years to become Junior Associates, 16 years and above to become Fire/EMS members. For more information about the Greenbelt volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc., call us at **301-345-7000**.

Again, I would like to thank you in advance for your past and continued support.

Jay A. Remenick
Jay A. Remenick
President,

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS Community Beautification program Week of April 26th - 30th

The third week of the 1999 Community Beautification Program will start on April 26th. The units scheduled for the second week of the program will include the following:

- > All courts on Woodland Way
- > 9 thru 48 courts of Ridge Road
- > 2 thru 8 courts of Hillside Road
- > All courts on Eastway
- > 56 thru 62 courts Crescent
- > 1 thru 5 courts Gardenway

Further updates will be posted weekly in the News Review. All questions, comments, or suggestions should be directed to Phillip Rondeau at (301) 474-4161 ext. 132. When possible, calls will be answered within 24 hours.



Historic Greenbelt OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, April 25 - 12:30 to 4:00
Homes Offered by Realtors and Owners

A list of homes, area information and more will be available at Roosevelt Center on Centerway Road.

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- ◆ AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER
- ◆ WOODS, BIKE PATHS, AND LAKE

DIRECTIONS: Washington Beltway 495 to exit 23 Kenilworth Ave., Left at first traffic light, Right on Crescent Road, follow signs to Roosevelt Center.

Greenbelt Homes' Office (301) 474-4161 ext. 146



All Sale Prices Effective
Monday, April 26th
thru
Sunday, May 2nd
1999

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Y2K

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citywoman Audrey E. Scott began by telling of one local unnamed mayor who had a unique perspective on Y2K. "What's the problem?" he is reported to have said. "Just change January to Januark."

Audrey Scott

Scott suggested that this mayor may have been missing the point, which drew laughter.

Scott said that cooperation and networking between agencies is vital. All systems have to be compliant. Prince George's County has already spent \$9 million to correct computer systems for 911 emergency services, human services, and the Prince George's County court system. The county has also appropriated another \$12 million to upgrade computer systems, computer chips, and to provide support for government and other agencies.

Scott believes that, while Y2K may be a potentially serious problem, the county is taking all the necessary steps to deal with potential problems.

Mark Smith, a computer expert with the Y2K Group, explained that Y2K is both a hardware and a software problem. Some original source programs have been lost, so programs must be checked line by line of code, and there are millions of lines of code. Hardware and software all have to be tested to insure problem-free Y2K operation.

Problems?

Possible problems exist in traffic control, insurance, maintenance, credit control, databases, etc. Hardware is also a potential problem.

Smith says there are 30 billion chips embedded in equipment of all sorts. Estimates of failures in these chips range from one to six percent. Areas possibly affected include railroads, power, and telecommunications. All 30 billion chips will have to be replaced to insure trouble-free operation.

Smith said that there will probably be problems all year long.

Since 2000 is a leap year, February 29 is one possible problem date, and there are others, such as the start of the fiscal year.

Smith said that it is impossible to gauge how severe the problem will be. The situation is changing daily, as agencies and businesses scramble to make repairs and avert any problems. But progress in many cases has not been verified. The government is fixing only 6,400 critical systems. There were 9,000 on the original list.

At the moment, in the U.S., the banking industry is 68% compliant, power 67%, Maryland government 70%, government in general about 56%, and the FAA 65%.

Jay Creech, who is chair of the Prince George's County Y2K Committee, said that the county has been working on the problem since 1995. Twelve major county systems are being remediated, along with six others as backup. So far the county has replaced 1,250 computers and 175 printers. The county has targeted completion by July 30, 1999.

The county continues to seek out embedded microprocessors, test them, and replace them if necessary. Testing is ongoing.

The county has contingency plans in effect in case of emergency.

Prince George's County will conduct systemwide tests in August.

Creech said he thinks that Y2K will be only a minor inconvenience.

The city's senior management analyst, W. Bowman (Bo)

Ferguson, was introduced as the Y2K coordinator for the city. The first thing Ferguson said was that the city takes the Y2K problem seriously, and the real Y2K coordinator is City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin.

The city has two key roles to play. The first is to assure that all city computers are compliant, and to see that the city is prepared for whatever might happen.

The second role of the city is to keep the citizens informed.

Three Systems

There are three key computer systems in the city: Police, Finance, and Recreation.

The Police Department has a new communications and record keeping system. It is currently undergoing tests to insure Y2K compatibility.

Finance has a new computer system which will be operational July 1. It is also being tested.

The Recreation Department computer is undergoing a major upgrade, and the system is being tested. Embedded chips are being inspected and replaced. There is also a new phone system.

Ferguson said that generators, elevators and other equipment are all being tested.

The city has established contingency plans and is coordinating with other agencies.

Public Utilities

Many people have asked about public utilities. Ferguson offered assurances that many people are working hard to make sure that the public utilities operate reliably. He reported that PEPCO, for example, is working with national and regional electric companies and other agencies to share information and solve the problems. This summer, PEPCO will hold joint computer tests with the phone company and Washington Gas.

Ferguson said that the city is looking forward to the year 2000 as a celebration, not as a catastrophe. He urged everyone to work jointly to prepare and share resources. He suggested that only ordinary everyday precautions be taken. He suggested that every house have flashlights, with spare batteries and bulbs, some canned food, and some water. He closed by saying that it would be wise to prepare now.

Make Sensible Plans

Chipper Miller, of the Y2K Group, stressed the need to make sensible plans. He suggested keeping accurate financial and medical records. Check all records for accuracy. Use registered mail, return receipt requested to obtain documentation. Look at the dates on everything.

Miller suggests stocking a one to two month supply of staple foods. He recommends following the Red Cross guidelines for food and water storage.

He thinks it's a good idea for each family to pack a three-day kit, containing everything the fam-

ily would need. He recommended taking a fire safety course. [Other useful courses would be a first aid course, a CPR course, and an EMT course.]

Miller reports that there is a new Maryland Law. For a \$15 co-pay, a 90 day supply of any needed prescription drugs can be obtained. He suggests getting a family medical guide. Check insurance coverage and document it.

Miller makes the following recommendations: "Don't take all your money out of the bank, but do have some extra cash. Pay bills ahead, and document that. Don't get a large tax refund. Talk to a financial expert. Set a goal to be ready by June 30. Keep up with the news."

The meeting was moderated by Steve Kane and Yvette King.

Discussion

After a brief recess, there was a question and answer period. The speakers were joined by other local experts: Captain Eugene Jones, from the Prince George's County Office of Emergency Preparedness; Eldon Ralph, director of physical plant operations for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI); Bill Dent, assistant manager, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket/Pharmacy; Kenneth Kiesel, Dimensions Health Care; and Nancy Haupt, director of Emergency Services and Safety, Doctors Community Hospital.

Haupt said Doctors Hospital has new computers and has established contingency plans. Hospital equipment is being tested. She said the hospital feels confident. She recommends keeping a list of medications and allergies.

Kiesel said there may be some problems paying health care bills, and there is some concern over telephone systems.

Ralph said that GHI has replaced its finance and maintenance computers. Testing is ongoing. Contingency plans are in place. GHI will coordinate action with other agencies.

Plenty of Food

Dent said the Co-op is in good shape. While the Co-op has to rely on the computers of their suppliers, the suppliers have assured



Chipper Miller

the Co-op there will be plenty of food on hand at all times. He also said the membership system and ATMs are Y2K compliant.

Ferguson said to beware of scams in times of stress.

A question was raised about autoupayments such as Social Security. Yvette King responded that the Social Security Administration gets an "A" grade; they are 90 to 95% compliant at present. Jones said the Maryland state emergency managers are working on banking problems. Only one bank in the state is not compliant, but for ethical reasons, he could not say which bank.

Jones and others cautioned against using candles or kerosene or charcoal heaters, because of the danger of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Haupt recommended getting manufacturer's information about medical and other equipment to make sure it is Y2K compliant.

Kane closed the meeting by saying that the Y2K problem is serious but manageable. It will require teamwork and innovation. He encouraged everyone to get involved. Form communities of neighbors.

Resources

The Greenbelt Y2K Community Preparedness Group can be reached at 56F Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770; 301-441-3809.

The following books may be helpful:

Making the Best of Basics — The Family Preparedness Handbook, by James Talmadge Stevens.

Y2000 Personal Protection Guide, by J.R. Morse.

Survival Guide for the Y2000 Problem, by Jim Lord.

The Red Cross has a wealth of information.

Some resources are available online: <year2000.com> is especially recommended. Other websites are: <Y2Knews.com>; <Y2Kjournal.com>.

For information about what equipment is or is not Y2K compliant, contact: <compinfo.co.uk/y2k>; <manufpos.htm>; <eds.com/vendor2000>. Microsoft also has information available.

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Fun and Games

by Nelda Young
Oh, where did all the children go? After school some of them can be found at Greenbelt Opportunities in Activities and Learning (GOAL), Monday through Friday from 2:15 to 6 p.m.

This fun-filled recreational camp at the Youth center is available for children in grades 1 through 6. Structured activities are led by "big brother and sister" college students. The leader to student ratio is just 1:11.

The first 45 minutes are set aside for DEAR (Drop Everything and Read). During this quiet time students are encouraged to work on their homework or find a good book to read. Around 4 p.m. the fun begins in the gym and on the playground. Some choose to spend time in the game room that is equipped with ping pong, foos ball, and table hockey. Weekly specials include swimming, arts, and cooking.

Monthly events break the routine. In January a big birthday party was held to celebrate all birthdays that will occur during the year. An ice cream social is coming up in March.

Nancy Wilmot, Greenbelt Recreation Coordinator, who has a Master's degree in Recreation Administration, coordinates the program.

Monthly sessions are offered with applications available in the Business Office at the Youth Center, phone 301-397-2200.

Arts Center Presents Classical Pianist

by Konrad Herling
The Greenbelt Arts Center announced that Thomas Pandolfi, noted classical pianist of the Washington metropolitan area, will perform in concert Friday, May 14, at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Pandolfi, best known by Greenbelters for his stellar performance as the pianist for Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, gave his debut recital in Washington, D.C. at the young age of 16. He was praised by the Washington Post's Joseph McLellan as "a recital which clearly showed why Pandolfi has been winning so many competitions — impressive technique, sound musical instinct, superb control ... when the music is exciting, so is Pandolfi.

Since then, Pandolfi, taught initially by his father, went on to earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the legendary Julliard School. Subsequently, he went on to capture top prizes at the 1989 Stravinsky International Piano Competition, the 1993 Joanna Hodges International Piano Competition, and the 1998 New Orleans International Piano Competition.

During past seasons, Pandolfi's appearances have included those at the Phillips Collection, the Beethoven Society of America, Strathmore Hall Arts Center, the Annenberg Theater, and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

Pandolfi's selections will include Liszt's Apres Une Lecture Du Dante — Fantasia quasi Sonata, Sonata in A Minor by Schubert, Tchaikovsky's Dumka, Opus 59, Ballade, Opus 46 by Barber and Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 by Liszt.

For more information and reservations call the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770.



Parents and children enjoy the "drop-in" play group available to them at the Greenbelt Youth Center, held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- photo by Leigh Catterton

Spring Concert Set For Greenbelt Band

The Greenbelt Concert Band, Tom Cherrix, Conductor, will present its Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 2, 3 p.m. on the stage of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The program will include: Marches by Sousa, Fillmore, and Cherrix; "Light Cavalry Overture" by von Suppe'; and "Ode For Trumpet" by Alfred Reed, with Franklin Wade as trumpet soloist.

These numbers will be followed by "Hoagy Carmichael in Concert," a number arranged by Warren Barker and conducted by James Moore, Assistant Conductor.

The program will conclude with "A Tribute to Stephen Foster," arranged by Sammy Nestico; selections from "The Wizard of Oz," arranged by James Barnes; and "Morning, Noon, and Night in Vienna," an overture by von Suppe.

Admission Is Free.

The Greenbelt Concert Band, which is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation, is an adult musical organization dedicated to providing quality musical entertainment for citizens of Greenbelt, Prince George's County, and surrounding areas. The Band performs for civic and charitable activities, including concerts for veterans groups, hospital patients and staff, and other shut-ins. It also offers seasonal concerts in Greenbelt and Prince George's County in fall, winter, and spring. Summer concerts are held at Greenbelt's Attick Park, including the traditional Independence Day Concert preceding the annual fireworks display. All concerts are open to the general public and free of charge.

Conductor Cherrix is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park. An accomplished woodwind performer, he has conducted and performed with numerous musical ensembles in and around the Washington, D.C. area since the 1960's and has composed and arranged music for orchestras, bands, and small ensembles.

Rhododendrom Tours At Arboretum

Miss the crowds and join the U.S. National Arboretum's azalea collection staff for a free walking tour of the Arboretum's nationally renowned collection of Rhododendron species. Registration is required. Call 202-245-4521. Meet in the Administration Building Lobby. The tours will be April 27, 10 - 11:30 a.m. and April 29, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Garden Club Meets

The Beltsville Garden Club will feature a talk by Kevin Conrad about his botanical exploration in China, at their next meeting on Wednesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. Conrad has been to China on two expeditions with the National Arboretum to seek out new plants in the vast and often remote regions of that country.

A Beltsville native, Conrad is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he earned a B.S. degree. He has worked at the National Arboretum for the past seven years and has 15 years experience in the nursery industry. He also coordinates an international consortium for plant exploration in China.

The meeting will be held at the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. Evans Trail is the first street to the left, west of Inter-

County Council Sets School Budget Talks

The Prince George's County Council has scheduled its worksessions and public hearings regarding the FY2000 County Operating and Capital budgets. Both address the needs of the Prince George's County Board of Education. Public hearings will be held on April 26 and May 4 at 7 p.m. in the County Council Hearing Room in Upper Marlboro.

For additional information and for information on worksessions contact the County Council office at 301-952-3820.

state 95, off Powder Mill Road. Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information, call 301-384-2415.



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CLASS FEES: All class fees are noted in the course list. A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 60 years old and over, for non-senior classes.

REFUNDS: The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registrants or causes beyond its control. Refunds will be made if classes are canceled by the Center. Other refunds will be made according to the provisions in the City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests, for valid reasons, are to be submitted immediately in writing to the GAFC.

CITY RESIDENCY: Greenbelt residents are those who pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt AND are eligible to vote in City elections. That is as it should be, as our residents pay taxes to support the Recreation Centers and the Aquatic & Fitness Center in our community. However, just because someone has a Greenbelt address does not necessarily mean they pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt and are able to vote in City elections. We want to be fair to the people whose tax money supports our programs. If you are not sure that you have a Greenbelt address, are able to vote in City elections, and pay City taxes, call 301-397-2204.

All registrants registering as resident non-passholder must show proof to receive Greenbelt resident status. **Acceptable Proof: Valid license or current lease.**

MAINSTREAMING: Anyone who is physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged is encouraged to participate in any of the Aquatic & Fitness Center's programs. If you need any special assistance, please call 301-397-2208 or TTY 301-474-1811 and ask for Karen Haseley.

GAFC Class & Registration Dates

Spring Mini-Session: May 10, 1999 - June 4, 1999
Passholders & Residents register: Monday, April 26 & Tuesday, April 27
Non-Residents register: Wednesday, April 28-30

Register in person at the GAFC between 6:00am and 10:00pm for all dates noted above.
Class rates do not include use of fitness wing or pool, before or after class times.
Class rates have been pro-rated for Memorial Day

Activity	Day/Time	Pass Holders	Res-NonPass Holders	NonRes-NonPass Holders
Land Aerobics Classes (16 years +)				
Power Lunch	T/TH 12:10pm-12:40pm	\$20	\$25	\$30
Rise & Shine	M/W/F 6:30am-7:15am	33	38	42
Step I	M/W/F 6:30pm-7:15pm	33	38	42
Step It Up	T/TH 7:30pm--8:15pm	30	35	40
Tighten & Tone	M/W/F 9:00am-9:45am	33	38	42
Tighten & Tone	T/TH 6:30pm-7:15pm	30	35	40
Water Aerobics Classes (16 years +)				
Aquacize	M/W/F 8:00am-8:45am	\$33	\$38	\$42
Aquacize	M/W/F 10:00am-10:45am	33	38	42
Aquacize	M/W 7:00pm-7:45pm	28	32	36
Aquacize	T/TH 6:00pm-6:45pm	30	35	40
Aquacize (drop-in)	F 6:00pm-6:45pm	2	5	5
Arthritis Aquatics	M/W/F 2:00pm-2:45pm	33	38	42
Deep Water Aerobics	M/W 7:00pm-7:45pm	28	32	36
Deep Water Aerobics	T/TH 6:00pm-6:45pm	30	35	40
Deep Water Arthritis	M/W/F 3:00pm-3:45pm	33	38	42
Seniorcize	T/TH 10:00am-10:45am	26	30	35
Water Interval Training	M/W 6:00pm-6:45pm	28	32	36
Water Interval Training	T/TH 8:00pm-8:45pm	30	35	40
Adult Swim Lessons (16 years +)				
Adult Beginner	TH 7:00pm-7:45pm	\$20	\$23	\$25
Adult Advanced Beginner	T 7:00pm-7:45pm	20	23	25

GHI Seeking Candidates For Board, Committees

by Tom Simon, GHI Nominations and Elections Committee

The Greenbelt Homes Inc. annual meeting is less than a month away and the Nominations and Elections Committee is hard at work planning for the upcoming election. Banners announcing the meeting are ready to be stretched over Crescent Road and Southway.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 and will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center. The election of GHI officers follows the end of the meeting and polls will remain open on Friday, May 21 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center.

Candidates Needed

The Nominations and Elections Committee is particularly concerned that there are enough candidates to fill all the vacant positions and, if possible, to give members a choice of candidates to fill all the vacant positions. There are a number of issues that may be either discussed at the annual meeting or be on the agenda for the GHI Board in the coming year, such as yard inspections, unapproved subleases, the payoff of the rehab loan in the next couple of years, and the report of the investment committee. Several maintenance issues could be worth an impassioned query from the floor including roof replacements, playground improvements and renovation of the GHI administration building. The results of the Historic District Referendum will be announced at the annual meeting. Every year can bring up unexpected challenges and the membership will depend on the

elected members to make sound decisions. For these reasons it is important that the membership take part in the annual meeting and election.

Low Membership Participation

Historically only about 12% of GHI members decide major issues and take an active role in governing the Corporation. Sheila Alpers, departing chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, points out that less than 200 people usually attend the Annual Meeting or vote, although absentee ballots and proxy forms are available for those unable to vote in person.

Although it is too early to say for sure who is running and who isn't (only one of the 13 incumbents has submitted paperwork for the election), some early reports indicate that there will likely be some vacancies to be filled in the May 20 - 21 election. Five of the nine members of the board will have to decide whether or not to run for reelection since their terms expire this

year, including President Keith Jahoda, Julia Eichhorst, Chuck Hess, Betty Deitch and Susan Ready. All three audit committee positions are up for election; Sylvia Lewis and Hopi Auerbach plan to run again, Deborah Cooley, chairperson of the Audit Committee for the past year, is undecided. The Nominations and Elections Committee will have at least one vacancy since Sheila Alpers does not plan to run for reelection.

Although letters soliciting candidacy were sent to members who had been active in GHI in the past, any member is eligible to run. The Nominations and Elections Committee encourages anyone with an interest in the governance of GHI to visit the GHI Member Relations office and fill out a Candidate Consent Form. The deadline is May 3.

There will be an early opportunity to meet the candidates for the Board, Audit and Nominations & Election Committees at the "Candidates Night" on Tuesday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Greenbelt Municipal Building. It will also be televised on Greenbelt's cable channel, B-10.

Join the 25th Annual Bay Bridge Walk

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) is encouraging participants to arrive early to be a part of history as the agency celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Walk and hosts the final walk of the 20th century on Sunday, May 2, beginning at 9 a.m. The 4.3-mile walk draws 40,000 to 60,000 people annually.

Buses will begin boarding at 8:30 a.m. from three designated parking areas only: Naval-Marine Corps Stadium (serving Washington, D.C., Southern Maryland and Northern Virginia participants); Anne Arundel Community College (most convenient for those traveling from the Baltimore metro area); and the Chesapeake Business Park

(best for those traveling from the Eastern Shore or Delaware).

There are no other parking areas available for the event. No parking will be available at the Bay Bridge or at Sandy Point State Park. A \$1.00 donation is requested for participants age six and older to help defray the cost of the buses. Many of the buses, which are equipped with wheelchair lifts, will continue to run until all parking areas are filled. No walkers will be transported to the bridge after the lots are filled.

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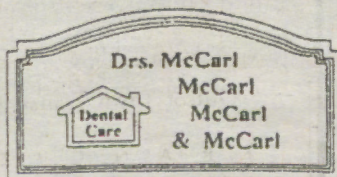
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Police Chief Summarizes And Interprets Crime Data

by Chief James Craze, Greenbelt Police Department

(The following comments about police and crime activities during 1998, which were made by Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze, are included in the Fiscal Year 2000 budget document submitted by City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin to the City Council. The Part I offenses referred to by the chief is a statistical category for reporting used by police jurisdictions throughout the nation to report the more serious criminal offenses — murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary (breaking and entering), theft and motor vehicle theft.)

The nature of crime in Greenbelt remained somewhat stable in 1998, showing a small increase of 2.5% in reported Part I offenses. Auto theft, up 25% from 199 in 1997 to 248 in 1998, accounted for the general rise in the number of reported crimes. The other six Part I categories were statistically unremarkable.

In 1997, the most recent statewide data available, the crime rate for Maryland was 5.9 victims for every 1,000 population. The rate in Greenbelt was 8.0 per 1,000 while the rate in Prince George's County was 6.9 per 1,000. In layman's terms, the rate of crime in Greenbelt is greater than that of the state or county. Closer inspection of the data, however, shows that communities outside the Beltway in Prince George's County have a lesser crime rate while those inside have a greater one. Greenbelt's rate of crime is lower than its closest neighbors of College Park and Riverdale Park. In fact, Greenbelt's rate sits virtually in the middle of all municipalities within the county.

Clearances

Once again in 1998, the Police Department had a very high clearance rate of 31% for cases investigated. A crime is cleared when the police have identified the offender, have evidence to charge him or her and actually take the offender into custody. Solutions of crime are also recorded in exceptional instances where some element beyond po-

lice control precludes formal charges against the offender, such as a victim's refusal to prosecute or local prosecution is declined because the subject is being prosecuted elsewhere for a crime committed in that jurisdiction. The arrest of one person can clear several crimes or several persons may be arrested in the process of solving one crime.

Maryland's law enforcement agencies cleared 23% of all the cases reported to them. In Prince George's County, that figure was 14%. By comparison Greenbelt fares very well.

The Police Department responded to 26,717 calls for service in 1998, an increase of 4%. Police reports were down 23% to 9,331. 1998 was the first full year of operation of the Prince George's County Department of Corrections' Central Processing Facility in Hyattsville. Police officers from all jurisdictions now take their prisoners to the Central Processing Facility for booking. The centralized regional booking concept has reduced an officer's time off of the street with an arrest from an average of three hours to approximately one hour. The process has also reduced the number of reports generated.

Arrests

One thousand fifty-three (1,053) adults were taken into custody for violation of the state and local laws, a decrease of 7.5%. Juvenile arrests, 447, were down by 15%, reflective of a statewide trend that shows a 2% decrease.

Arrests by residency show that 46% of the people arrested for crimes committed in Greenbelt were Prince George's County residents, a figure that mirrors 1997. Greenbelt residents accounted for 35% of the total. Out of state residents accounted for 12%, state residents 6% and the remaining 1% had no fixed address. Of those arrested, 73% were African-American, 23% white, 3% Hispanic and 1% Asian.

Geographically, 54% of reported crime occurred in Greenbelt West, 26% in Greenbelt East and the remaining 20% in Historic Greenbelt.

Park Police Display Command Center

On Friday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Maryland-National Capital Park Police will host an open house of its new Mobile Command Post at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Building, located at 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents

Arrest for Robbery

As a result of police investigation, a 26-year-old nonresident male was charged on Apr. 9 in the attempted robbery a week earlier in the front parking lot of Beltway Plaza Mall. The suspect was charged with common law attempted robbery, assault, and using a handgun in the commission of a felony. He had already been incarcerated on a separate charge.

Drugs

Beltway Plaza Mall, Apr. 9, 11:03 p.m., two male juvenile non-residents were found to be in possession of marijuana. The youths were stopped in the mall after a security officer noticed that they appeared to be intoxicated. One of the youths was charged on juvenile petition and released to family members; the second youth was released to family members without being charged.

Burglary

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Apr. 9, 12:46 p.m., a VCR, food, and beverages were taken. Entry was gained by breaking a bedroom window.

6400 block of Ivy Lane, Apr. 13, 8:48 a.m., three laptop computers were taken. Entry was not forced.

7700 block of Greenbelt Road, Apr. 13, 9:05 p.m., a door into an office suite was damaged in an attempt to gain entry.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a maroon 1991 Honda Accord with Maryland tags YLP 162, Apr. 13, from the 7500 block of Mandan Road, and a black 1997 Honda Accord with Virginia tags ZCT 6799, Apr. 14, from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane.

Thefts from or attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6900 and 7800 blocks of Hanover Parkway, Mandan Road at Hanover Parkway, 7400 block of Greenbelt Road, Greenway Shopping Center, 2 court of Southway, 400 block of Ridge Road, 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, 9100 block of Edmonston Road, and 6100 block of Breezewood Drive.

Panel Will Revisit Early Women's Group

"The Women's Action Coalition: Where Is It Now?" is the topic for a dialogue to be presented by the American Association of University Women College Park Branch and Las Amigas Inc., Seat Pleasant Chapter, on Saturday, April 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the council chamber of the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. The meeting is intended to be of interest to leaders of women's organizations in Prince George's County. It is open to the public at no charge.

Panelists include Greenbelter Virginia Beauchamp, a founding member of the Women's Action Coalition (WAC); Carol Fields, Prince George's County representative on the Maryland Commission for Women; Linda Fihelly, Women's Center, and former WAC president; Lona Florence, also a past president of WAC; Jacqueline Gentry, former chair, Prince George's County Commission for Women; Donna Crocker, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Department of Human Resources for Prince George's County; and Jill Moss Greenberg, founder of WAC and former member of the Maryland Commission for Women.

The Women's Action Coalition was founded in 1975 to bring together the many, diverse women's clubs and associations in the county. The Prince George's Women's Fair, the Women's Legislative Briefing, and the Family Crisis Center were all founded by WAC. Aided by the Prince George's County Commission for Women, WAC sponsored "Building Bridges," an initiative which, through a series of dialogues, brought together women of different ethnic and racial backgrounds.

For further information call 301-422-7802.

Plant Sale

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold its annual spring plant sale on Saturday, May 8, from 8 a.m. to noon. The sale will take place at High Point High School on Powder Mill Road, one mile west of I-95 in Beltsville. The sale will be held rain or shine. Quality plants and trees will be sold at reasonable prices.

Scrap Tire Amnesty

Wondering how to get rid of those pesky old tires? The Maryland Department of The Environment has scheduled a Scrap Tire Amnesty Day on Saturday, April 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Upper Marlboro. Up to 10 tires per vehicle (passenger car and light truck tires only) will be accepted at the Brown Station Road Landfill, 11611 White House Road (entrance only). There is no charge.

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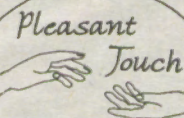
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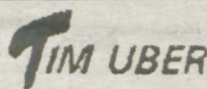
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Greenbelters Comment On Bus Plans

by Luci Gorman

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, April 14 for citizens to voice their concerns about the local bus service coming to Greenbelt this spring. Chief of Transit Division for the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), James Raszewski, and staff heard a majority of suggestions for Lakeside Drive and Lastner Lane included in proposed Routes 14 and 15M. Decisions on altering the routes will be made after all suggestions, both voiced at the hearing and previously submitted, have been reviewed.

DPWT already took suggestions from council and local residents at a February worksession to better serve Springhill Lake. Newly proposed Route 11 will serve Greenbelt Station, the Courthouse, Capital Office Park, Springhill Drive, Springhill Lane, Breezewood Drive, and Beltway Plaza.

Concerns

Resident of Lakeside Drive, Mike Desch, commented on the safety of a road not wide enough to support routine bus traffic. The curved street limits sight distance as it is, and has no sidewalks for pedestrians. Therefore, all traffic is in the street. Desch claimed that Lakeside Drive has "no transit dependent residents." He referred to the present plan as a "fiscal irresponsibility" and suggested restricting the routes to Greenbelt's major 'arteries.'

Raszewski explained that Lakeside Drive will not be one of the streets served by TheBus after Steve and Erica Johns of Lakeside Drive and Jeanie Smith of Pinecrest Court also spoke in favor of dropping the street from the route. Raszewski explained to Council in the previous worksession that TheBus will not go where it is not wanted or needed.

Long-time bus rider, Fred Gasper of Village Park Drive made several suggestions for Routes 14 and 15/15M. Gasper feels the service would be made

more effective by providing access to New Carrollton Metro Station. He would like to see more coverage on Route 15 for Doctors Hospital and the College Bible School in Lanham. Gasper emphasized the hazard of Eleanor Roosevelt High School students crossing an eight-lane highway to get to school and suggested shifting Route 15's heavy coverage of Greenbelt Road elsewhere.

Lastner Lane resident, Sandra Fleri, questioned the need for more transit service on her street. She cited her neighborhood as a quiet area several years ago, but now "it's a whole different story." There is considerably more noise and air pollution, she said. With a new elementary school around the corner and University of Maryland shuttle buses running by, Fleri does not look forward to the addition of another bus service on her street. She claimed, "most [Lastner Lane] residents don't need it."

Michael Hess, also of Lastner Lane, does not feel it should be "turned into a thru-road." He feels the area would be seriously over-served and would like to see TheBus concentrate service to major routes.

Suggestions

Grateful to Prince George's County for this service, Suzanne Krofchik of Northway only had a few suggestions to make. "Unfortunately," Krofchik said, "I don't think I can use 14 or 15 because that would require my walking about 1/2 mile to get to the route." She wondered about the number of riders who may be old or have physical problems and gave Raszewski suggestions on how to bring TheBus a bit more into the neighborhood so that it would be closer to more people.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull of Ridge Road would like the local bus to have the most convenient pick up/drop off location (closest to the entrance) at the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Turnbull suggested Route 15 also run in the opposite direction on Ridge Road, preventing Green Ridge residents and Roosevelt students from having to cross the street. He would like to see a bus system so well integrated with metro that riders would not have to memorize a bus schedule.

Ed Putens, city council member, and Sheldon Goldberg, chairperson of Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC), strongly suggested that Route 15, covering Greenbelt East, be put in before the other two routes. Goldberg stressed the uncertainty of supplemental funding for the implementation of a third route. Putens believes it best to first provide service to those who are lacking it.

Gratitude

Mayor Judith Davis thanked Raszewski and DPWT staff for taking the time to have the hearing and being receptive to "tweaking" the routes. This is year two of a five-year plan to implement local bus service in Prince George's County. Davis is pleased with the formulating results, but would like Routes 15/15M to do a more adequate job of covering Greenbelt East.

Raszewski said that it will take several weeks for a final set of recommendations to be published. Another public hearing may be in order "if changes to the proposed routes are in great magnitude."



Pharmacy Topics

By Sajida Qayumi, Rph.



Good news: a large-scale study found that women suffer no lasting ill effects from taking birth-control pills. Ten years after the pills were stopped health risks for women who had taken birth control pills were the same as those for women who'd never taken them. *The British Medical Journal* noted.

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